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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
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RE: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (H.3659) Proceeding to Establish Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's Standard Offer, Avoided Cost Methodologies, Form Contract Power Purchase Agreements, Commitment to Sell Forms, and Any Other Terms or Conditions Necessary (Includes Small Power Producers as Defined in 16 United States Code 796, as Amended) - S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-20(A)
Docket No. 2019-184-E

and

South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (H.3659) Proceeding to Establish Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Standard Offer, Avoided Cost Methodologies, Form Contract Power Purchase Agreements, Commitment to Sell Forms, and Any Other Terms or Conditions Necessary (Includes Small Power Producers as Defined in 16 United States Code 796, as Amended) - S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-20(A)
Docket No. 2019-185-E

and

South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (H.3659) Proceeding to Establish Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Standard Offer, Avoided Cost Methodologies, Form Contract Power Purchase Agreements, Commitment to Sell Forms, and Any Other Terms or Conditions Necessary (Includes Small Power Producers as Defined in 16 United States Code 796, as Amended) - S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-20(A)
Docket No. 2019-186-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-41-20(I), the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, is authorized to employ a third-party consultant to evaluate avoided cost rates, methodologies, terms, calculations, and conditions under [that] section....The commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff may not hire the same third-party consultant or expert in the same proceeding or to address the same or similar issues in different proceedings.”

By this letter, the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) hereby notifies the Commission that, pursuant to its statutory authority, ORS is in the process of engaging Energy and Environmental Economics, Inc. (E3) to assist it in the aforementioned dockets.¹

Sincerely,



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cc: All Parties of Record in Docket Nos. 2019-184-E, 2019-185-E, and 2019-186-E (via E-mail)
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¹ORS has engaged E3 in numerous previous dockets, most recently in Docket Nos. 2019-2-E and 1995-1192-E.